Celebrating the Life Of Maxine Evans Benton

Alpha – April 14, 1956 *Omega – January 16, 2024*

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Visitation: 9:00 a.m. - Celebration: 10:00 a.m.

Macedonia Church of God in Christ
3015 Johnny Jackson, Sr. Boulevard (Formerly Louisa Street)
New Orleans, Louisiana 70126

Pastor Myron Dwight Bunch, Sr. – Macedonia Church of God in Christ Officiating

Pallbearers

Mr. Jason Anderson
Mr. John V. Evans
Mr. Wallace McGill, Jr.
Mr. Gerald Evans
Mr. Larry Bouie
Mr. Dwayne Fields

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. John Evans
Mr. Darryl Evans
Elder Jerome Smith
Minister Eric Bunch
Mr. Frederick Hall
Mr. Robert L. Bell
Mr. Donald R. Bell
Superintendent Aaron E. Evans
Mr. Verdell Evans
Elder Brandon Smith
Deacon Luther Bunch
Elder James L. Badon
Mr. Joel E. Bell
Mr. Eddie L. Bell

Acknowledgements

It is with our deepest appreciation, that we express our sincere gratitude to everyone for your prayers and support during the lengthy illness and transition of our precious and dear loved one. Your heartfelt phone calls, emails, text messages, cards, flowers and donations will never be forgotten.

Thank you Macedonia Church Family for providing the food, drinks and decorations needed for the repast. You lifted a burden off of our shoulders and words cannot express our gratitude for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Special thanks to the staff of St. Margaret's who lovingly cared for our loved one, going above and beyond the call of duty, to make sure all of her needs were met (and many of her wants).

Through each and every act of kindness, you have truly shown your love and concern for Maxine.

With Love and Gratitude

The Evans & Benton Family

Repast

Desire/Florida Multi Purpose Center
3250 Industry Street/N.O., 70126
(At the end of Louisa St. by the tracks.)

Final Arrangements

Richardson Funeral Home
11112 Jefferson Highway
River Ridge, Louisiana 70123

Order of Celebration

Processional (Please Stand) ----------Clergy & Family

Hymn of Praise----------Free Worship

Prayer----------Elder Eddie J. Chapman

Scriptures: Old Testament (Psalm 23)----------Elder Jessie L. Badon, Sr.
New Testament (2 Corinthians 15:55-58)----------Elder James L. Badon

Music Ministry----------Free Worship

Mistress of Service – Sister Camilla Hill

Expressions ***(2 Minutes Please)***
Mother Cynthia Morris – Macedonia Church of God in Christ
Mr. John Evans – Brother
Sister Rosie Washington - Friend
Ms. Sally Cox - Team Gleason
Ms. Paula Brown – RT Caregiver, St. Margaret

Tambourine Tribute----------The Hill Sisters of Macedonia & Sister Rosie Washington

Words of Comfort----------Mother Gwendolyn Bell Badon
Supervisor of Women
Church of God in Christ – Louisiana Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

Reading of Obituary & Acknowledgement of Cards----------Ms. Stephanie Brooks

Acknowledgement of Clergy----------Master of Service

Sermonic Selection----------Pastor Jai Reed

The Eulogy----------Bishop Arthur F. Mosley
Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ – Atlanta, Georgia

Recessional (Please Remain Seated)----------Clergy & Family

Interment

Mount Olivet Mausoleum
4000 Norman Mayer Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

Obituary

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge,
shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.
2 Timothy 4:7-8

On April 14, 1956, the late John Henry Evans and his wife Willie Mildred Jones Evans were blessed with a special gift, a beautiful baby girl who they named Maxine at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, LA. She was a sweet, loving, caring and supportive sister to four brothers, one sister and one adopted sister. After a faithful and fruitful life, God called Maxine from labor to reward on January 16, 2024.

Maxine was born and raised in the Church of God in Christ under the leadership of her uncle, the late Administrative Assistant/Superintendent Dave Jones, Jr. on Louisa Street in New Orleans, Louisiana.

At Macedonia, Maxine obeyed Ecclesiastes 9:10, "Whatsoever *thy hand* findeth to *do*, *do* it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. She served in many areas of ministry (Jr. Usher, Choir Member, a Tambourist, Youth Department Worker, Encourager and Motivator) never growing weary. In 2017, she received the Faithful Servant Award from the Macedonia Church of God in Christ, Women's Department. She served faithfully at Macedonia (thru Medical Lift) until her medical needs prevented her from traveling.

She was a graduate of the 1974 Class of John F. Kennedy High School. Maxine later enrolled in Delgado Community College School of Nursing. She was industrious and hard working; she always worked her way up the ladder into management position in her professional endeavors.

Maxine was a true church trooper. She and her tambourine traveled far and near to churches, revivals, conventions, musicals, concerts, etc. Being a people's person and a woman with a loving and caring heart for others, Maxine made friends everywhere she went and touched many lives on her life's Journey.

Upon the death of her husband Teddy, Maxine was asked by her District Missionary Gwendolyn Bell Badon to travel with her and be her driver. She willing accepted with a smile and said you sure you want me, not knowing that she would later become Adjutant/Driver for the Supervisor of Women of Louisiana Eastern Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction. No distance was too far for her to drive Mother Badon and she served with honor and dignity until her health failed. She received the Supervisor's Award of Honor in September, 2015. She loved and respected her jurisdictional leaders, Mother Gwendolyn Bell Badon and Bishop Howard E. Quillen, Jr.

On October 20, 2015, Maxine was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease (also called ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and was no longer able to stay alone. Her loving siblings and their spouses (Supt. Aaron/Maxine; Darryl/Vernita and daughter Saquita became her caregivers until she felt that it was best for her to move to a facility. St. Margaret was selected and she became a resident on March 17, 2016, where she was loved, respected and admired. She became the MISSIONARY in the wheelchair, ministering to the residents and staff as if she had no challenges of her own. She was affectionately known as SPEEDY – with a customized license plate attached to her wheelchair.

Cherishing the memories of this Solider are her daughter Saquita (son-in-love Jason) Anderson, four brothers; John Evans of Jarrell, TX, Superintendent Aaron (Missionary Maxine) Evans of Slidell, LA, Verdell (Manuella) Evans of Vallejo, CA and Darryl (Vernita) Evans of New Orleans, LA and two sisters Constance (Frederick) Hall of Metairie, LA, and Patricia Simon of Dallas, TX; and a bonus daughter/Alexis Smith and her children, Jasmine Dimes, Kayla Dimes and Darius Dimes, and great-grandchild Khana McIntyre; three godchildren, Tanisia Bunch, Danny Washington and Troy Daliet.

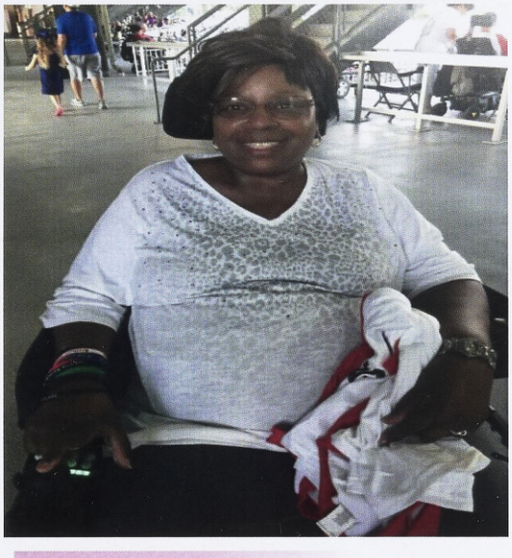
Also cherishing her memories are two aunts; Dollie Donald of Baton Rouge, LA and Deloise Turner of Pomona, CA, and one uncle, LeRoy (Ethel) Jones of Marina Valley, CA, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A loving church family, the Macedonia Church of God in Christ and the Bell Family who faithfully responded to her call.

"I Am Free"

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch
If my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Anne Lindgren Davison

Forever in Our Hearts



Forever in Our Hearts

Champion

Had many hard times, had many struggles.
Fought many battles, had many troubles.
They said you could not do it, but you did.

Said you were a loser, you'd never win.
But in the end... you're a CHAMPION!

No more heartbreak,
No more pain,
You're in paradise,
Now breath again.
You're a winner,
You're number one,
So lift your hands up,
You're a CHAMPION! You're a CHAMPION!

You thought it was finished, thought it was all over.
But if it's not one thing, then it's another.
You took all that you could take.
Ran out of tears, but didn't run away.
No, it's not right. But you'll be okay.

You're a winner. You're number one
So lift your hands up. You're a CHAMPION,
You're a winner. You're number one
So lift your hands up. You're a CHAMPION!
You can breathe now. Your work is done
So lift your hands up.

You're a CHAMPION!